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DRFAWA Category B measures for Primary Producers

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The purpose of the Category B Primary Producers Assistance is to support the needs of primary producers impacted by a declared event as part of the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFAWA).

Support may be available for:

- Fencing (for livestock producers only)
- Freight
- Professional advice
- Interest rate subsidy on a new loan to cover the costs of recovery

Disaster event: Storms and Associated Flooding in The Pilbara and Midwest-Gascoyne Regions (10-17 December 2024)

Date of event: 10-17 December 2024

Date of event proclamation by DFES: 24 March 2025 For more information go to <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/recovery/activated-events>

Local government area/s impacted:

- **Shire of East Pilbara**
- **Shire of Meekatharra**
- **Shire of Murchinson**
- **Shire of Upper Gascoyne**
- **Shire of Carnarvon (included on 16 April 2024)**

All applicants please note

- **You** means the primary production business applying (individual, partnership, company or trust).
- You **must be able to demonstrate that funds are not available** from within the resources of the business. It is expected you will have committed all liquid assets and credit sources for normal operations of your business to recover from the disaster

Please ensure you have digital copies of the following documents ready to support your application, either from the time of the disaster and/or the most recent versions:

- **Shire rates notice** if you own the property
- **Lease or sharefarm agreement** if you do not own the property
- **Tax returns** for the business and each individual member (partner, shareholder or adult beneficiary) who contributes their labour to the business applying
- **Financial statements** (profit and loss, assets and liabilities) for the business
- **Tax invoices and evidence of payment** for any costs to be reimbursed
- **Any photographic evidence** of damages and restorative work if available
- **Insurance policy or claim** details if applicable

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- **A bank statement** for the account nominated to have funds paid into

Are you eligible to apply?

You must be able to answer YES to all questions below.

If you answer No to any question or you are unsure what the question means, please contact us via email at ruralbusiness.developmentunit@dpird.wa.gov.au before proceeding with your application.

Are you an individual, partnership, trust or company which:

a) has a right or interest in a commercial scale primary production business (farming, pastoral, horticultural or fishing) in the declared disaster area. *

- Yes No

b) contributes part of your labour and capital to the primary production business? (At least one member of the business must devote at least 75% of their labour to the business). *

- Yes No

c) at least 50% of your total income (all sources) derives from primary production. *

- Yes No

d) at least one member of the primary production business derives at least 50% of their total income from the business. *

- Yes No

e) had assets of the primary production business significantly damaged as a direct result of this disaster. *

- Yes No

f) is able to demonstrate that funds are not available from within the resources of the business. *

- Yes No

It is expected you will have committed all liquid assets and credit sources for normal operations of your business to recover from the disaster

Please note:

To be eligible you must answer 'YES' to all of the above questions. If you are unsure, please email us at ruralbusiness.developmentunit@dpird.wa.gov.au

Applicant and property details

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Applicant details

Applicant business name *

Organisation Name

Entity name of the impacted primary production business

Trading name (if different to above)

ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN

Primary address *

Address

May or may not be the address of the impacted property

Nature of your primary production business (ANZSIC) *

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Cropping broadacre grain (014) | <input type="checkbox"/> Nursery and floriculture production (011) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep (014) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other crop growing (015) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Beef cattle (014) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pigs (019) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dairy cattle (016) | <input type="checkbox"/> Deer (018) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Poultry (017) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other livestock farming (019) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fruit and tree nut growing (013) | <input type="checkbox"/> Aquaculture (02) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mushroom and vegetable growing (012) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <input type="text"/> |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Viticulture (0131) | |

Contact person (on behalf of the primary production business) *

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Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Must provide name in full.

Contact phone number *

A landline number must include area code. Enter any number (mobile or home) with no spaces

Contact email address *

Are you? *

- an owner, partner or beneficiary of the business
- representing or acting on behalf of an owner, partner or beneficiary of the business

Name of business owner, partner or beneficiary *

First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Upload evidence of your Authority to Act on behalf of an owner, partner or beneficiary of the business *

Attach a file:

Please upload a copy of the following (most recent at the time of the disaster):

- **tax return** for the primary production business
- **tax returns** for each member of the primary production business (individual, partner, shareholder or adult beneficiary) who contributes their labour to the business
- **business financial statements** (including profit and loss, trading account and depreciation schedule, current assets and liabilities)

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Attach a file:

Property details

Street address of the impacted property

Property Identification Code (PIC) if applicable

Consists of 4 letters and 4 numbers. <https://brandssearch.dpird.wa.gov.au/livestock.html?query=pic>

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The local government area the impacted property is in

- East Pilbara, Shire of Port Hedland, Town of

Do you own or lease/sharefarm the property you are claiming for? *

- I/We own the property
 I/We lease or sharefarm the property

*Applicants claiming for leased or sharefarmed properties are required to provide a copy of signed and dated agreements, over a minimum period of 5 years, that includes the declared date of the event. Please select both only if claiming for multiple locations and both apply.

Upload a copy of your written and signed lease or sharefarm agreement here that was current at the time of the event. *

Attach a file:

Written, signed and dated agreements must be over a minimum period of 5 years that includes the declared date of the event.

Name of the registered landowner of the property affected *

Title First Name Last Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Upload a copy of your most recent shire rates notice for the affected property that was current at the time of the event.

Attach a file:

Name of the fishing licence holder

Title First Name Last Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Fishing licence number

If you are operating under the lease of a fishing licence/s please upload a copy of your written and signed agreement/s here that was current at the time of the event.

Attach a file:

Banking Details

If approved, funds will be credited to the account you nominate here. **Please make sure the details are correct before you submit your application**

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Account Name *

This must be your name or the entity account name, not the nickname for the account or name of the bank 'product'

Bank and branch name *

Include Bank Name and Branch

Bank statement of nominated bank account *

Attach a file:

Please provide the latest copy of bank statement

Are you a Aboriginal supplier?

Yes No

If yes, are you registered with Supply Nation?

Yes No

Disaster impact and assistance

* indicates a required field

How did this disaster directly impact your property?

Please describe the damages or loss of assets to your business as a direct result of this disaster *

Must be no more than 500 words

What do you estimate the total value of the damage or loss to your business to be? *

Must be a whole dollar amount

Upload any photographic evidence of damage and restoration work.

Attach a file:

Have you made an insurance claim in relation to any damage from this disaster? *

Yes No

If your business insurance includes fencing restoration or replacement you are required to claim the damages on your insurance

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Insurance details

Your insurance company and claim manager *

Individual Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>
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Claim manager's email *

Claim manager's contact number

Policy / claim number *

Please upload a detailed breakdown summary of the outcome of your insurance claim

Attach a file:

This will be required to be provided before any payments are made to approved applicants.

OR when do you expect your claim to be finalised?

Must be a date.

Please indicate why *

- My / our policy does not cover the assets damaged or lost in this disaster (please upload a copy of your insurance policy below)
- Uninsured (please explain below)
- Other (please explain below)

Attach a file:

Other Funding and Assistance

If you have received funding or assistance from any other source for this event, please provide details below.

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		Must be a dollar amount.

What assistance are you applying for?

Category B assistance for primary producers is designed to provide emergency assistance to ensure public safety and support primary producers to respond to a declared disaster event.

Available assistance includes the following:

Please select the type of assistance to find out more and apply

- Fencing assistance (reimbursement, livestock producers only)
- Freight assistance (50% reimbursement)
- Professional advice (up to \$1500 ex-GST reimbursement)
- Interest rate subsidy (expression of interest)

Fencing assistance (reimbursement, livestock producers only)

This assistance may reimburse costs associated with any of the following:

- costs of restoration or replacement of fencing (to pre-disaster standard) where the fencing has been deliberately dismantled or damaged to counter the disaster; and/or
- costs of **materials only** (to pre-disaster standard) to repair or replace boundary fencing damaged or lost as a direct result of the disaster,
 - where the fencing adjoins a major road or rail transport corridor
 - and where the roaming of livestock may present a danger to the travelling public (i.e., the aim being to preserve public safety).

You must answer 'Yes' to at least one of these scenarios to be eligible for this assistance.

Was fencing deliberately dismantled or damaged to counter or combat the disaster event?

- Yes No

OR

Did your boundary fencing need to be repaired or replaced as a direct result of the disaster?

- Yes No

Does the damaged or lost boundary fencing adjoin a major road or rail corridor?

- Yes No

At the time of the disaster, was this part of the property being used to hold or agist commercial livestock?

- Yes No

Please give details on the fencing that was dismantled or damaged to counter or combat the disaster event

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How many metres of eligible fencing has been repaired or replaced?

Must be a number.

Please give details on the damage or loss of fencing on your property

Which major road/s or rail corridor/s are adjoining your property where the fencing was replaced?

How many metres of eligible fencing has been repaired or replaced?

Must be a number.

Freight assistance (50% reimbursement)

This assistance reimburses 50% of the eligible costs of transporting any of the following as a direct result of the disaster: a. livestock b. fodder or water for livestock (including equipment essential for providing water to livestock), and c. building or fencing equipment or machinery (including worker accommodation)

Did you incur any of the transport costs listed above as a direct result of the disaster?

- Yes No

Select the freight costs you incurred *

- livestock to or from the property
- fodder for livestock
- water for livestock, including equipment essential for providing water to livestock
- building or fencing materials
- building or fencing equipment or machinery

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Please give details to justify your transport needs

Professional advice (up to \$1,500 ex-GST reimbursement)

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This assistance reimburses the fees up to \$1,500 to obtain professional advice for issues directly related to the disaster.

The professional advice may be from a suitably qualified farm business consultant (such as a member of the Australian Association of Agricultural Consultants WA Inc.) or a suitably qualified professional who is for example a member of a professional accounting body.

Advice may relate to business or financial matters, hydrological or soil conservation issues, feed analysis or other stock health concerns.

This grant is not available to meet the costs of normal business expenses or for employing professional advice for other purposes.

Did you seek professional advice for issues directly related to the disaster?

- Yes No

Name of the professional you consulted with

Title	First Name	Last Name
<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>

Please provide brief details of the advice you received in relation to business recovery

Must be no more than 500 words

Items submitted for claim

Please outline the items you propose claiming for reimbursement under Category B Primary Producers' Assistance.

Invoice or quote number	Invoice or quote date	Item supplier	Item name or description	Cost of the item including GST	Cost of the item ex. GST	Upload quote or invoice and evidence of payment
	Must be dated after the date of the declared event. Must be a date.			Must be a dollar amount.	Must be a dollar amount.	Evidence of payment if available. This must be provided before claim can be approved

Interest rate subsidy on a new loan (expression of interest)

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This assistance is an interest rate subsidy on a new loan secured for the recovery from the disaster. This may include repair of damage caused by the disaster, implementing measures for next season's production or replacing lost livestock or assets.

The current maximum principal loan amount which qualifies for an interest rate subsidy is \$150,000.

Please note that your expression of interest is to establish whether your business is likely to be eligible and should not be considered 'approval' for this assistance measure.

- Your expression of interest will be initially reviewed by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development (DPIRD).
- The Department of Fire and Emergency Services will then liaise directly with you to apply with a participating authorised deposit taking institution (ADTI); the lender.
- The ADTI will assess your eligibility against their lending guidelines.

A DRFA-WA fact sheet on the Small Business Interest Rate Subsidy can be found [here](#).

You must answer yes to the following questions to be eligible for this assistance.

Do you intend to take out a new business loan to recover from the disaster?

Yes No

Was your primary production business established and operating at least 12 months prior to the disaster?

Yes No

Do you intend to continue or re-establish your primary producer operation within the same location or local government area?

Yes No

You must complete the DRFA-WA Interest Rate Subsidy Scheme - Expression of Interest form and upload it here.

Attach a file:

Click here to download the form. [DRFA-WA Interest Rate Subsidy Scheme - Expression of Interest form](#)

What type of new loan are you proposing to take out?

How much are you proposing to borrow?

 \$

What do you intend to spend the new loan funds on?

Must be no more than 200 words

Name of the organisation you are borrowing funds from (the lender or authorised deposit taking institution, ADTI)

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Address

Address

Contact person

Title

First Name

Last Name

Contact email

Email address for the lender contact person

Contact number

Must be an Australian phone number.

For the lender contact person

Certification and Submission

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Any person who knowingly and with intent to defraud the WA Government submits an application for assistance containing any materially false information or conceals, for the purpose of misleading, information concerning any fact material thereto, commits a fraudulent act which is an offence under the Criminal Code (WA).

Certification

I declare the information shown in this application and attachments, and any details subsequently provided, is true and correct.

I confirm the primary production business listed as the Applicant meets the eligibility criteria detailed in this application and had assets significantly damaged as a direct result of this declared disaster *

I confirm

I confirm I/we own the farm land OR hold a current written and signed 5 year lease agreement (covering the event date) to sharefarm or lease the property for the purpose of primary production OR own and operate under a fishing licence OR have a current signed 3 year lease of a fishing licence; *

I confirm

I confirm I/we do not have our own resources available to the business to recover from the natural disaster; *

I confirm

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I confirm the items claimed are NOT covered by insurance; *

I confirm

I authorise the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and/or the Department of Fire and Emergency Services to seek any additional relevant information that may be required to assess and process this application; *

I consent

I hereby request and authorise any parties to supply such information as requested by the Department of Primary Industries and Regional Development and/or the Department of Fire and Emergency Services; *

I consent

I confirm I have read and understood the information notes and/or obtained clarification about the Disaster Recovery Funding Arrangements Western Australia (DRFAWA) for primary producers where needed; *

I confirm

I confirm I am authorised to make this certification on behalf of the primary production business listed as the Applicant. *

I confirm

Name of person making the certification; *

Title

First Name

Last Name

To submit...

- please ensure you have uploaded all required documents
- ensure all information given is accurate
- click 'Submit' below